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World leaders express shock, condemn of Lydda airport massacre

Thousands of mourners including President Shazar and David Ben Gurion attended the funeral at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot of Prof. Aharon Katzir, killed in the terrorist attack at Lod Airport. The photo shows Mrs. Rina Katzir, widow of Prof. Katzir, supported at the graveside by her son and daughter. Ben Gurion is at the left. (IPPA Photo)

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Jewish and non-Jewish leaders around the world have expressed shock, regret and condemnation of the Lydda Airport massacre of 26 persons last week.

Premier Golda Meir promised Israel would find a way to foil the new Arab terror menace. External Affairs Minister Abba Eban called for an international airline boycott of Beirut to force the Lebanese government to expel terrorist organizations that plan attacks such as the May 31 one carried out by three Japanese gunmen.

Toronto memorial meeting

In Toronto, a memorial meeting for those killed in the tragedy was held in front of Old City Hall on Tuesday. It was sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship.

Pope Paul VI's message to Israeli President Zalman Shazar deplored "this tragic act of unheard-of violence against innocent persons."

In Montreal, Knut Hammarskjold, director general of the International Air Transport Association, said he was "horrified at the massacre of innocent people and ... shocked that governments have not taken adequate measures to prevent such a tragedy occurring."

"Terrible occurence"

In Poland, "terrible occurence" and "incredible thing" were among expressions heard from Poles and visiting Americans. "It is shocking and horrible," U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers exclaimed. "It almost seems beyond anyone's comprehension."

Reaction from most Arab groups was predictably different.

A spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) declared that "Our purpose was to kill as many people as possible at the airport - Israelis, of course, but anyone else who was there."

Bassam Zayid told The Manchester Guardian in Beirut: "We were sure that 90 to 95% of the people in the airport at the time the operation was due to take place would be Israelis or people of direct loyalty to Israel." A PFLP statement said "We have many more surprises in store for Israel."

Zayid said the Marxist-oriented PFLP had no regrets - "none at all" - about the morality of the attack, explaining: "There is a war going on in Palestine."

Contending that it was the PFLP's plan "to raise the temperature," he said: "I foresee that (temperature rise) coming through Israeli reprisals - perhaps successful Israeli reprisals - and the Arab reaction to them. Our operation could mark a turning point."

Palestinian morale

He added that the aim was also to reassert Palestinian morale, which he said had been "badly affected" by the foiling of a hijacking attempt by Israelis who have exuded "invincibility" in an "arrogant" manner.

In Egypt, the press hailed the "complete success" of the "crack blow of utmost significance" and saw it as the first step in "a Palestinian revolution inside Israel and occupied Arab lands." But King Hussein of Jordan decried the "crime committed by a mentally sick group which does not reflect the true image of the people of Palestine or the Arabs."

Flooded with cables

Meanwhile in Tel Aviv, Tel Hashomer Hospital was flooded with cables and telephone calls from Puerto Rico and elsewhere from relatives desperate to know the names of the victims of the Lydda Airport carnage. Identification of victims was delayed, however, because luggage and documents were scattered and in some cases destroyed. Of the six known Jewish dead, four were identified as Prof. Aharon

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Questions about Jews

Reporters embarrass Russians

MOSCOW (JTA) -

During President Nixon's visit, leaders of the Soviet Union's two principal news organizations abruptly ended a press conference on nationalities in the USSR after a reporter suggested that equal attention be paid to Soviet and American intellectuals regarding Jewish matters.

The correspondent for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency asked if the Soviet government would allow distribution of American publications on Jews, pointing out that Soviet literature on the same subject is freely distributed in the U.S. He also suggested televised discussions on the Jewish question between Soviet and American intellectuals in Moscow and New York.

The Soviet spokesman for the summit conference, Leonid O. Zamyaten, director general of Tass, the Soviet news agency, looked at the question with Ivan I. Udaltsov, chairman of the board of the Novosti Press Agency, and announced the conference was concluded. It was the last in a series of four long sessions designed to disseminate information on Soviet life to foreign correspondents here for the American - Soviet summit conference.

Prof. Boris Bielek, a specialist on Soviet literature, was among the intellectuals who had responded to reporters' questions. A short, slightly built Jew, he suggested that the JTA correspondent facilitate publications in the U.S. of Soviet literature to end the "non-existent Jewish question" in the Soviet Union. Bielek was responding to a question on the absence of schools for Soviet Jews.

As this conference demonstrated, a stark element of the Soviet Jewish tragedy is the tendency for some Soviet Jews to be the principal apologists for the Soviet policy on Jews and often the most vitriolic spokesmen in attacking American Jewry. Asked why Jews, Germans and other nationalities are deprived of a continuous territorial base possessed by other Soviet citizens, Bielek referred to the "Jewish Autonomous Region of Birobidjan" in Eastern Siberia which he said was created for Soviet Jews. He said only 15,000 have settled in Birobidjan while 240,000 live in Moscow, 170,000 in Leningrad and 150,000 in Kiev. Bielek did not explain why then a remote Eastern Siberian area lacking a Jewish tradition and settlement should have been selected for Jews instead of an area, in Russia proper, close to their centres of population for many generations.

He said the Soviet government did not close down Jewish schools, but that "they closed down themselves. Jewish parents naturally want their children to attend the best universities and conservatories, and in these the language spoken is Russian. Only three or four children would attend a Jewish school," he said.

Bielek's contentions contradicted statements by the head of the Soviet Chamber of Nationalities, Mrs. Yadgar Nasretdinova, an Uzbek from Tashkent. Earlier in yesterday's session she pointed out proudly how people who had no written language or literature before the Revolution now have their own culture.

After 27 years apart, Eugene (right) and Samuel Kessler greet their sister Margaret Weiss at Toronto International Airport. The two brothers were separated from their sister as well as from their brother William in 1945 and were forced to stay in the Soviet Union until pressure by the Canadian government secured their recent release. Samuel came with his wife, Alicia. Eugene brought his wife, Freda, and 21-year-old son Emerick. (Photo by Brian Willer)

Separatists are not anti-Semites: Hayes

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Should Quebec ever separate from Canada, Jews would likely remain in the province, if the ruling party allowed them to be part of the middle class, says Saul Hayes, executive vice president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Jews would leave, he added, if the middle class were no longer able to function in the new economic order. Hayes made his remarks at a session of the 74th annual meeting of the national conference of the Jewish Communal Service at Congress headquarters in Montreal.

If the middle class in a private enterprise economy continues, he said, "then Jews would have the same worries as any other ethnic group.

"There has not been the slightest tinge of anti-Semitism" in the labor or nationalist movements. He added, however, that the Jewish community would not be secure if there were outbreaks of political extremism.

Saul Hayes

Separatism will effect the Quebec population along class lines and not ethnic lines, he said.

Hayes was speaking on the subject of the current status of Canadian Jewry to a largely American audience attending the four day conference presenting contemporary issues in a historical perspective.

He said the dominant concerns of the Quebec population 100 years ago - at the time of Confederation were denominational rights and obligations. At the present time, he added, the issues pertinent to Canadian Jewry involve language and cultural rights.

"If Canada remains a nation," he said, "the guarantees such as those given to the French under the British North America Act must continue from the Jewish viewpoint, this is very significant, but one must remember that our position is complicated by the language issue; there is a very great difference, for example, between the position of Jews in Quebec and the Jews in British Columbia.

Canada, he said, "is after all a compromised nation, evolved out of conquest: if there had been no conquest probably nobody except the French would have lived here, thus many guarantees had to be given before Canada was able to evolve."

Feinberg leads a double life and loves every minute of it

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO -

Rabbi Abraham Feinberg is now leading a double life - and loving every minute of it.

For almost 50 years, he was torn between his two greatest loves - professional singing and preaching. But he never managed to do both at once until just three months ago.

Currently the star of a weekly program on a Berkeley, California, radio station, the former rabbi of Toronto's Holy Blossom is preaching again too, but this time it's in a church!

"In my installation sermon as rabbi - in - residence," he says, "I emphatically affirmed that I join Glide United Methodist Memorial as a Jew, renouncing no 'jot or tittle' of a rabbinical heritage."

He also suggested in that same speech that the words "United Methodist" be dropped from the title of Glide Memorial, a non-denominational "community" which has no Christian symbols and "celebrations of life" instead of formal services.

"The words 'Jesus Christ' are never mentioned," the rabbi told The CJN during a visit to Toronto last week. "It's not a church, it's a community and it's concerned with human beings, not theology."

Young people of every background make up the majority of Glide's 2,000 congregants, and Rabbi Feinberg says he has counselled a dozen young Jews during his three months in the unique post of rabbi-in-residence.

Most of his time, though, is devoted to social work with San Francisco's elderly, many of whom are Jewish.

"There are thousands who live in run-down hotels, forgotten. It's a new form of segregation and I'm trying to do something about it," he explains.

One of the ways he's trying to do something about it is through the second half of his new double life, the weekly radio show aimed at the elderly.

Each week on Gray Lib, the rabbi sings "Desert Song", "Come Back To Sorrento" and other tunes his now old audience listened to when he was Tony Frome, "Poet Prince of the airwaves," five nights a week on NBC radio during the height of the depression.

Gray Lib also features discussions on how to bridge the widening gap between the very young and the very old. "It's an attempt to explain the old to the young," he says.

Rabbi Feinberg's name has become a household word because of his anti-war activism throughout the Vietnam war. The climax of his anti-war work was a 1967 peace mission to North Vietnam to talk to the late Ho Chi Minh. In fact his outspokeness has become so well known that he doubts if any U.S. syna-

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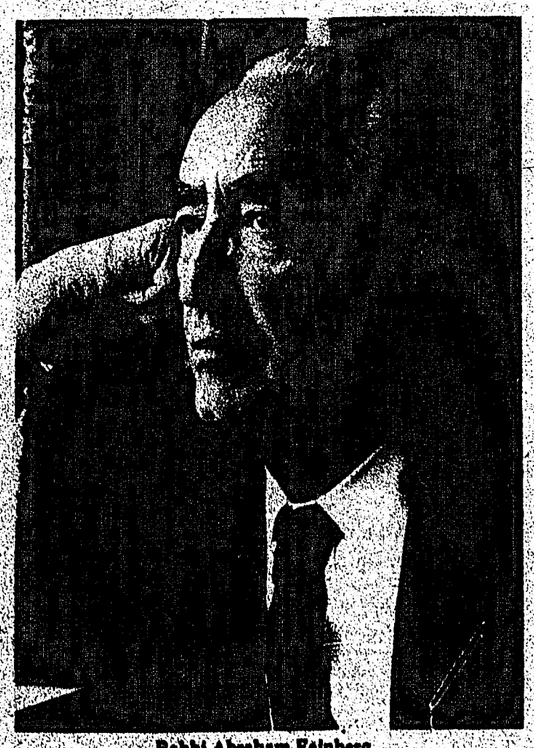

Rabbi Abraham Feinberg

Rabbi Goren explains the controversy surrounding position of chief rabbi

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

A Knesset law placing an age limitation on the post of Chief Rabbi of the Ashkenzi community is at the centre of a controversy being waged in Israel, because the incumbent is 88 year old Chief Rabbi I. I. Unterman.

The religious leader who holds the title of Chief Rabbi is the spiritual authority of World Jewry, "as it was during the time of the second Temple", says Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the rabbi who is considered the leading contender for the position.

According to Israeli law the Chief Rabbi is elected for a period of five years, but the term is historically extended until he retires.

Chief Rabbi Unterman has served in that capacity for eight years, until a law was passed, and then repealed, restricting the age limit to 75 years.

Rabbi Goren, who is now Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, recently retired from the chaplaincy of the Israeli army with the rank of major-general, and was in Montreal this week to address the Young Israel Congregation on their 50th jubilee anniversary.

"The Minister of Religious Affairs," he told The Canadian Jewish News, "said Rabbi Unterman promised him he would not run provided the government established the position of honorary chief rabbi which he would hold."

The post of chief rabbi is determined by an electoral college composed of 150 members from the rabbinate, the mayors of the major cities, and chairmen of the religious councils.

In addition, five members are chosen to oversee the election. The religious leader who fills the spot of chief rabbi automatically becomes an ex-officio member of the Rabbinic Supreme Court - the highest religious body of the land.

"The government," said Rabbi Goren, "cancelled the age limitation law three months ago because they issued a special law opening the position of honorary chief rabbi, which was then accepted by Unterman.

"Now he changes his mind after the law was passed. The government says he has betrayed them."

Rabbi Goren, who has the distinction of being the first Jew to blow the shofar at Jerusalem's Wailing Wall after the Six Day War, said he believes Rabbi Unterman is being encouraged by a group "of right wing extremists who are against the State."

He said he ran for the position eight years ago "but I failed to win by two votes - and even those two votes are doubtful", he added.

Reports confirm Jarring was member of a pro-Nazi party

Gunnar Jarring, the UN's special envoy to the Middle East, is in hot water. Earlier this month a Swedish newspaper (one of the country's three biggest dailies with a circulation in excess of 500,000) reported that Jarring was a member of a pro-Nazi party until 1939. Last week a UN spokesman dismissed the Aftonbladet report as "trivial". The JCNS asked for the background from a special correspondent in Stockholm.

Recent reports that Gunnar Jarring, the United Nations special Middle East envoy and Swedish envoy and Swedish ambassador in Moscow, was connected with a pro-Nazi political party in the 1920's and 1930's have aroused less controversy in Sweden than in Israel or at the United Nations.

The Swedish foreign ministry has not commented publicly on the reports, which first appeared on May 9 in the Left-wing Stockholm daily, Aftonbladet. However, an official of the ministry told the JCNS, "We are not denying the facts."

He added that the foreign ministry view was that Jarring is being blamed for "the mistakes of his youth." Mr. Jarring had indeed been a

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Organizations and People

Jarring's past

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member of the Nationella Forbundet (National Unity League), the official said, but had resigned from it in 1938, when it became openly identified with Nazism.

Before that, according to the official, the league had simply been a nationalist right - wing organization. Nevertheless, it is interesting that the foreign ministry's biography of Jarring makes no mention of his pre - war political involvement, and represents him as having been a shy assistant professor of languages at Lund university before joining the foreign service in 1941.

But, as Aftonbladet disclosed, Jarring's interests before 1941 were not solely academic. In 1936, when he was a 29-year-old lecturer at Lund University, he campaigned for Parliament as a candidate for the National Unity League in the Lund constituency.

One of the planks of the league's election platform was "effective immigration control to protect the Swedish people against foreign elements." This was at a time when Jews fleeing from Nazi Germany were the major emigrant group in Europe. The league did badly in that election. It received fewer than 27,000 votes and failed to gain a seat in Parliament under Sweden's proportional representation system.

According to Aftonbladet, Mr. Jarring had joined the League's student movement in 1926, when he was 19, and was listed as a speaker at league branches in Lund and Malmoe in 1936 and 1937. As his official biography notes, Jarring improved his knowledge of Oriental languages during the 1930s by extensive travels on horseback in the East.

In 1936, the man who was later to be an unsuccessful UN mediator between India and Pakistan on the Kashmir question wrote an article for the National Unity League paper, drawing on his personal knowledge of the area. The article contained the following sentence: "Those who live in Srinagar and support themselves mainly by trade are purported to be the world's most deceitful and shrewd race. In the Orient, it is generally known that they outdo the Jews, Armenians and Greeks in the art of deceiving their neighbors."

However, the article continued, it was fortunate that there were "better people" in Kashmir, where "genuine Aryans", still lived and who demonstrated all that race's characteristics to such an extent that they could serve as displays in any "race institute" set up "by our southern neighbor."

As Aftonbladet also notes, it is ironic that one of the main points in the National League's platform in 1936 was a call for Sweden's withdrawal from the League of Nations the forerunner of the United Nations.

Veteran observers of the Swedish scene point out that Sweden's pre-war pro-Nazis and post-war neo-Nazis have traditionally been strongest in southern Sweden where Jarring was born, and in university towns like Uppsala and Lund, where he worked before joining the Foreign Ministry.

Jacob Monbaz

Monbaz appointed envoy to Malawi

TORONTO -

Col. Jacob Monbaz, Israeli consul-general in Toronto, has received an appointment as ambassador to the south-central African state of Malawi.

He knows this area of the world well. From 1965 to 1968, he was a consul-general in neighboring South Africa.

Malawi, formerly the British Protectorate of Nyasaland, became independent in 1964 and was declared a republic in 1966. It is a member of the Commonwealth and maintains close relations with Britain, South Africa, and the West.

Monbaz came to Canada in August, 1969, as consul-general in Montreal. In August, 1971, he was transferred to Toronto.

Rabbi leads double life

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gogue would be willing to accept him as their rabbi unless he lowered his political voice a few decibels.

"During my 18 years at Holy Blossom, I was deeply grateful for the freedom given its rabbis - myself included. But I'm sure there is no synagogue in the U.S. that would give me full freedom of expression."

Rabbi Feinberg says he will not stop protesting the war because it would be contrary to his personal religious beliefs to do so.

"I always regarded my attitude toward the Vietnam war as necessitated by the Jewish regard for mankind and peace," he explains.

Despite the rabbi's love of peace and adamant opposition to the Vietnam conflict, he feels a strong army is necessary for Israel "because it could not survive as a sovereign, independent state without a military force strong enough to convince the Arabs not to attack."

Rabbi Feinberg says he has kept himself busy in Berkeley for the last six months to keep his mind off the loss of his wife of 40 years, Ruth, who died of cancer a year ago.

The rabbi, who is almost blind now, says "her spirit still guides me in my work."

Will he ever leave Berkeley and come back to Toronto? He isn't sure.

"I don't make any plans for the future anymore," he says, "but Toronto still looks good to me."

Sally has job

NEW YORK (JTA) -

Dr. Edward E. Klein, senior rabbi of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, announced last week that Rabbi Sally Priesand, 25, the first American woman to be ordained a rabbi, has been appointed assistant rabbi of the synagogue, a congregation of 750 families.

$325,000 raised by Bonds

TORONTO -

Enrolment of sponsors at a June 1 Israel Bonds luncheon reached a new record with $325,000 being raised.

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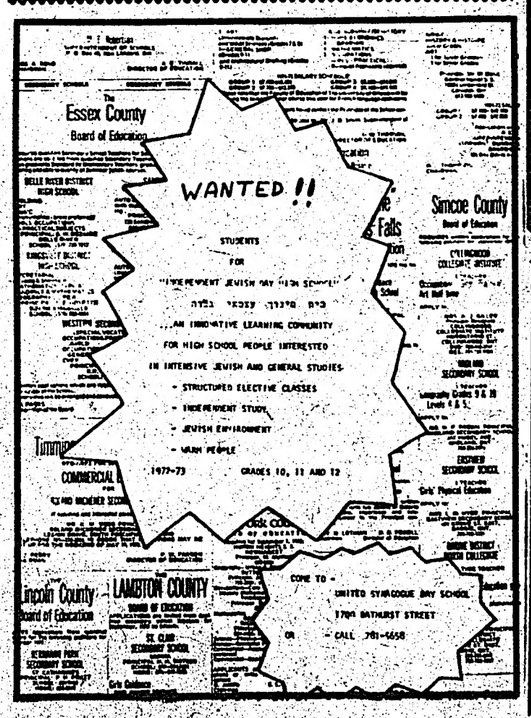

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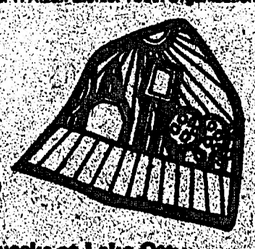
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what's new...

by Miriam Herman

CANTORS CONVENTION

Toronto will be host to more than 200 cantors, musicologists, composers and instrumentalists who will be attending the annual convention of the American Conference of Cantors on June 26-29 -- the first time the ACC is meeting in Canada. On the agenda are two outstanding concerts for the public: On Tuesday evening, at Holy Blossom Temple, a concert of 19th and 20th century Jewish music and a presentation of worship music geared to youth. On Wednesday evening, at the St. Lawrence Theatre, a concert featuring the works of Canadian and American Jewish composers. Proceeds from the Wednesday concert go to a scholarship fund for cantorial students at the U.S. School of Sacred Music. Tickets are available at the theatre box-office, Temple Sinai and Holy Blossom. Canadian co-ordinators of the conference are Cantors Sheldon Merel and Severin Weingort.

Fred Kingsley

ZIONIST MEETING

You are invited to a meeting of the Toronto Zionist Council on Wednesday, June 14, honoring Col. and Mrs. Jacob Monbaz - the consul general of Israel to Toronto has recently been appointed Israel's Ambassador to Malawi - and Dr. Mark Zimmerman, a past president of the council. Guest speaker for the occasion is Fred Kingsley, editorial writer on **The St. Catharines Standard**, who will be speaking on **A Canadian Newspaperman's View of the Middle East.** The meeting begins at 8:15 p.m. in the Jerusalem Hall of the Zionist Centre on Marlee Ave.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM WEEKEND

News from Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue - On Thursday, June 8, the congregation hosted an evening of music with guest cantor Moshe Taube of Pittsburgh, Penn. And for this weekend, Rabbi Henry Hoschander, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom of Rochester, N.Y. will be delivering the sermon at the Sabbath morning services, meeting with teenagers and university students in the afternoon and conducting an adult study class in the early evening before Mincha. Following the Sunday morning services the rabbi will be present to discuss **A Confrontation with the Rabbi.**

A 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Borochov Women's Club is marking its 40th anniversary at a dinner at the Richelieu Restaurant on Wednesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. The club, which works on behalf of the Borochov School, also gives assistance to a number of kibbutzim in Israel.

FASHION SHOW

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's culminating event for this season is a dessert luncheon and fashion show on Tuesday, June 13, from 1-4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Karp, 10 Balding Ct., Willowdale. Fashions are being co-ordinated by Annabel Stancer and modelled by Sisterhood members. There is also to be a display of Judaic treasures courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Feld. Fashion show times are 1:30 and 4. Proceeds are in aid of Syrian Jewry and other Sisterhood projects.

CABINET MINISTER TO SPEAK

The guest speaker at a luncheon honoring meals-on-wheels volunteers is to be Rene Brunelle, Ontario minister of community and social services. The luncheon set for Monday, June 12, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, is being arranged by the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto which supports the meals-on-wheels program for non-institutionalized elderly.

RE-KINDLE CANDLES

Toronto Jewry will be re-kindling the candles on the Israel Menorah of Life in a symbolic ceremony at the Israel Dinner of State on Monday evening, June 12, at the New Murray House. The dinner, under the sponsorship of the National Honorary Societies of Israel, State of Israel Bonds, will be honored by the presence of Ze'ev Sharef, Israel's minister of housing.

...about people

Harry Weinstock, a national vice-president of the Labor Zionist Alliance and president of the Canadian district is serving as chairman of the Toronto city committee for another two years, following his re-election at the 55th Toronto City Conference last month. Mr. Weinstock is also a regional vice-president of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada and a national board member of the Jewish National Fund. Among the other officers elected at the conference are vice chairmen **Albert Cohen, Dave Zlot** and **Adolf Goldberg.**

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Julius Wiener

More than 200 family and friends attended **Julius Wiener's** 80th birthday celebrations two weeks ago - the presentation of a Siyum Hasefer to the Associated Hebrew Schools made in his honor by his children. Long associated with almost every facet of the Jewish community and still very active in business (he says that he was the first Jewish ladies wear merchant on Bloor St.) Mr. Weiner also celebrates his 60th wedding anniversary this year.

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Two young Torontonians received master of arts degrees at the Jewish Seminary of America commencement exercises in New York last Sunday. **Ronald Isaacs,** recipient of several scholarship awards and graduate of Columbia University where he has been continuing his studies, is now working at Teachers College toward a doctorate in education. And **Harvey Meirovich,** also studying both at the Seminary and Columbia, is working for his doctorate in Jewish history.

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Paula Bennett, who came to Canada from Rumania nine years ago, is a one-in-ten thousand winner - her name was on the Pioneer Women lottery ticket drawn at their donor dinner last month. She was presented with a cheque by president **Esther Steinhouse** and incidentally lottery chairman **Joyce Kezwer** tells us that Pioneer Women are richer too! They now have a new member - Mrs. Bennett.

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Toronto legalite **David Rubin** is the new aide-de-camp to Lieutenant Governor W. Ross Macdonald. Called to the bar in 1966, he is a lieutenant in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve.

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This Sunday morning friends will be gathering at **Min Tishler's** home on Brookview Dr. She is presenting a Sefer Torah to Shaarei Tefillah Congregation in honor of her granddaughter **Wendy Susan Edelstein** and the traditional procession is starting from there. It will be followed by the ceremony which takes place in the main sanctuary of the synagogue.

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The **Justin Loeb's** are one of Temple Sinai's pioneer families and have been active in the synagogue ever since! **Justin Loeb,** a Montrealer who came to Toronto 20 years ago, is the newly installed president of the congregation. His wife Norma, a Sisterhood past president, edits the Temple Bulletin and their son Garry was recently elected the president of the North Eastern Lakes Federation of Temple Youth which represents Cleveland, Akron, Buffalo and the Toronto region.

UJA-ISF awards night June 15

TORONTO -

Outstanding effort on behalf of the 1972 United Jewish Appeal - Israel Special Fund campaign by individuals, synagogues and organizations will be honored at the annual Appreciation Night to be held Thursday evening, June 15, at Adath Israel Synagogue commencing at 8:00.

Man of the Year and Synagogue of the Year awards will be made but the names will not be revealed until the actual presentation, said campaign chairman Phil Granovsky.

"While the campaign has not yet ended," said Granovsky, "we are now able to judge who has given exemplary service to the 1972 drive and we want to extend our appreciation and thanks on behalf of the Soviet Jews who are finding a new life in Israel and the Jews everywhere who are helped through the UJA."

Dr. Vivien Boniuk, the first person to complete the 22-mile UJA-ISF walkathon, will also be honored at this time with a presentation to be made by Sol I. Littman, managing editor of **The Canadian Jewish News.**

The campaign total has now reached the $6,900,000 mark and Granovsky said the value of cards outstanding - based on last year's figures - is sufficient to assure that the campaign goal will be met. Every effort is being made to contact all the contributors who have not yet made their pledge within the next few days.

Nightly telethons have been held during the past two weeks at UJA-ISF headquarters on Beverley St., and these have proved very successful, said Granovsky. In one 90-minute period, for example, six canvassers called 100 prospects, spoke to 50 of them and secured pledges of over $12,000. "We are pleasantly surprised to find that a telephone canvass works very well," said Granovsky. "We are even able to get increases."

Past campaign chairmen, who met recently to advise on how to wind up the campaign successfully, pitched in with the canvassing and produced excellent results, Granovsky reported. Of 30 cards assigned to the past chairmen, 28 were completed within a few days.

"We're going to keep at it until our goal is reached ... and more," Granovsky declared. "The recent events in Israel clearly indicate that we can not let up for a moment."

Congress plans action on missionary groups

TORONTO -

The Canadian Jewish Congress is planning action on the problem of Christian missionary activities among Jewish youth in north and central Toronto.

"We hope to achieve wide community consultation, involving concerned individuals and groups to hammer out some answers to a matter of growing concern," said David Satok, Chairman of Congress' Central region.

David Satok

Representatives of social agencies, youth groups and religious organizations held an emergency meeting last week with officials from Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund to formulate recommendations.

According to some reports, a number of Jewish youths have been affected by the missionary activities, with the result that a special youth committee has been organized to include representatives from Jewish religious youth groups.

The problem arose three weeks ago when reports filtered into **The Canadian Jewish News** that Christian proselytizing groups were personally approaching Jewish youth at coffee houses, at homes, and on the streets.

"We don't think there is reason for alarm in the present situation, since very few Jewish youths are involved, Satok said, "However, it is obvious that enough is going on to warrant effective answers."

Marty's problem- He's overqualified

By BRAM CADSBY

TORONTO -

Marty Kelson has a job-hunting problem: He's overqualified.

Marty, 21, is a graduate of U of T and will be entering Osgoode Hall Law School nest September. Since April 20th, when his examinations ended, he has been looking for a summer job, any summer job that will enable him to pay his tuition fees. And yet, due to his "overqualifications", his search has so far been unsuccessful.

Marty is only one of the many students registered at the Jewish Vocational Service who are "eager and capable" and "looking for employment", says Cheryl Gaster of JVS's summer placement service.

She emphasizes that the students who have been placed are proving to be hard workers, whether their job involves private tutoring, pharmacy, ground maintenance, office work, accounting, sales, shipping, packing, or research.

More than 170 others, registered with JVS, are eagerly looking for similar positions. If you can help, please call Cheryl Gaster or Ami Maishlish at 787-1151.

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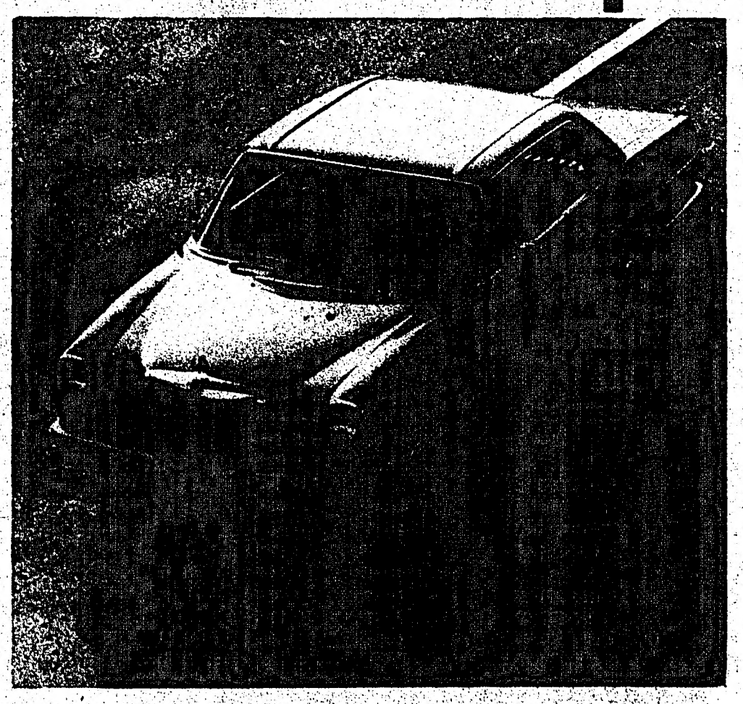
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'Senseless, primitive attack'

The slaughter of the innocents; Bankruptcy of the Arab guerillas

The slaughter that took place last week at Lod airport was a cruel, bizarre, senseless and primitive act.

Its cruelty lay in the murder of innocent people, most of whom were not even Israelis, and none of whom were combatants. How can sane men justify shooting down people at random? How can one boast of the senseless slaughter of Puerto Rican pilgrims, men women and children?

The act was bizarre in its use of Japanese extremists. What in the name of all revolutionary logic did these men have to do with the Middle East? The answer lies in the bankruptcy of the Arab terrorist movement and in its essential cowardice.

So few of these so-called revolutionaries are willing to risk their hides that they are compelled to use strangers to do their dirty work. In the past they have shown a preference for using innocent girls to transport explosives for them. They have seized unarmed planes; they have sent bombs through the mail disguised as gifts; they have fired bazookas at Israeli school buses.

Now they hire Japanese fanatics to perform murder for them while they issue news releases from the safety of a Beirut hotel. No amount of talk about Third World solidarity can conceal the fact that the Arab terrorist movement is devoid of any meaningful ideology, unable to build a mass movement and incapable of recruiting people of any real conviction.

The attack was senseless in that it failed completely in reaching any objective. It has not and will not deter travel to Israel. Travel agents report no cancellations as a result of the Lod incident. If anything, there seems to be a resolve to show the Arab world that we are not going to be scared off. More and more groups are planning to visit Israel as an act of defiance to terrorists.

Finally, the attack was primitive because it was launched, according to Arab terrorist spokesmen, to "revenge" the hijackers shot and captured the previous week by Israeli soldiers. How archaic to speak of revenge. How unjust to revenge oneself against those who are not even remotely your enemy. How cruel not to distinguish between unarmed passersby and combatants.

And who still speaks of revenge in this day and age? Only a people and only a movement that is not yet part of the 20th century.

Beirut guilty, may well shudder

Golda Meir, in her usual direct fashion, pointed a finger of blame at Lebanon for the Lod disaster.

Lebanon may well shudder for her part in the terrorist assault at Lod. For too long she has escaped responsibility for her participation in the crimes of the terrorists.

Beirut has long been the operational headquarters for all of the terrorist groups. Its streets and cafes have provided a stage on which the aspiring guerrillas have openly swaggered. All of their communiques have been broadcast from Beirut and it was to Beirut that Lufthansa Airlines delivered the ransom it chose to pay to retrieve its hijacked plane. The two men and two women who hijacked the Sabena plane were trained in Beirut and dispatched from a headquarters located in Beirut. The leaders of the Japanese terrorists organization which gave birth to the Lod Kamikaze visited Beirut shortly before their men left on the tragic mission. And it was in Beirut that the leaders of the terrorist organizations held an emergency meeting following the Lod disaster.

The presence of Arab guerrillas in Lebanon is not a chance matter. They are there with the knowledge, support and consent of the Lebanese government. Indeed, there is a solemn agreement between the government and the terrorist organizations. That agreement even includes an understanding that the Lebanese army will stay out of the guerrilla area of operations (Fatahland) adjoining the Galilee.

Lebanon is now, with the occasional exception of Syria, the only Arab country which provides a base of operations and a refuge for the terrorists. Egypt, for its own reasons, won't permit them; the Jordanians have crushed them.

It is time; time for the Lebanese to follow the Jordanian example and drive the terrorists from the land.

Mother of Aviva Oslander of Tel Aviv, who was gunned down in the massacre at Lydda Airport last week, cried following funeral ceremony. Mrs. Oslander's husband also lost his life during the shooting.

Israeli university students take part in rock session.

Clash of attitudes

Drug taking on increase; Israeli parents worried

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

Eytan, my 10-year-old, ultra-square son, was outraged a few days ago when Israel's one and only TV station presented a song by Arik Einstein, a very popular vocalist recently convicted on a minor drugs charge (possessing implements used for smoking hashish). My son thinks Einstein is a bad influence and should be banned from TV and radio because, as he puts it solemnly, "how can we expect the kids to stay off drugs if their idols use them?"

Uri Zohar, an equally popular entertainer and director who was in the dock with Einstein, rejects the idea (put forward by the judge who handled the case) that he and his artist friends must set a good example for their fans. "Why," Zohar asks, "are they trying to saddle me with a responsibility I don't want to accept? . . . I don't feel in the least qualified to advise young people about drugs . . . I might, at the very most, try them myself. But even if I did, how could I possibly know what effect they would have on other people?"

Although they refrain from saying so publicly, Zohar and Einstein do not, apparently, regard drugs as a public menace, but rather as a matter of personal choice. However, they and other members of Tel Aviv's Bohemia form a distinct minority. Most people, and certainly most parents, are worried about drugs, which first became an issue after the Six Day War, when overseas volunteers introduced them to Israeli youth. No one knows how many sabras have in the meantime become "infected," but the number is substantial.

Pessah Rudik, director of the youth probation service in the Tel Aviv area, recently declared that "there isn't a single school in the district, including religious ones, without at least a few students who have tried drugs." Rudik's statement is alarming without being very informative. A survey of high school students, (not required to give their names) claims that only 5% tried drugs, but many observers question the validity of this survey; they think that the percentage is higher.

Educational authorities, at all levels, take a tough line on drugs. At the Hebrew University, for instance, all foreign students are required to sign an undertaking not to use drugs on penalty of expulsion. While local students are not required to sign anything, if they are caught taking drugs they suffer the same consequences.

Yet drugs are not foreign to Hebrew University dormitories any more than they are to kibbutzim, recent evidence clearly shows. A chemist friend of ours, who gives popular lectures on drugs, received an S.O.S. last week from a kibbutz on the Lebanese border: could he come immediately to talk with the members of a youth group training there as, their instructor had just discovered, many of them were on drugs.

The issue is also of considerable concern to the Israel Defence Forces, which feels that it cannot afford to have drug addicts in its ranks. As one officer said to me, the dozen young men who wrested a Sabena airliner from Arab hijackers could not have accomplished their dangerous mission, with its brilliant split-second timing, had they been a squad of junkies.

ask the rabbi

Why some books were excluded from the canon

1. Why were some books excluded from the canon of the Bible and placed in the Apocrypha?

RESPONSE:

The term "canon" is not used in the Jewish sources. Nor is it correct to depict the process as one of "excluding" certain books. It is rather that in the course of time some books were selected by the Jewish teachers as being inspired literature and therefore sacred literature. The books of the Apocrypha simply did not qualify. It is in this sense that Professor Leibovitz's epigram is correct: "The Oral Torah determines what is the Written Torah".

It is interesting that the sceptical but honest book of Ecclesiastes and the collection of love poems that is the Song of Songs were eventually held to be sacred literature while the book of Tobit with its naive and simplistic piety was not. The rabbis quote occasionally from the book of Ben Sira in the belief that it contains wise sayings but they refused to allow it to be read publicly in the synagogues as the Torah and the prophets are read because they did not consider it to be an inspired work in the relig. us sense.

2. Can you explain the various kinds of Eruv and their purposes?

RESPONSE:

(1) Eruv techumin ("of boundaries"). It is forbidden to walk on the sabbath more than 2,000 cubits (about a mile) in any direction beyond the confines of the town in which one resides. If, however, one wishes to walk up to 4,000 cubits in one direction, the device adopted is to place a dish (the Eruv) at a distance of 2,000 cubits before the sabbath begins and this establishes one's domicile as being at the place where the dish is located. By so doing one forfeits, of course, one's right to proceed at all in the opposite direction outside the town.

(2) Eruv chatzerot ("of courtyards"). If a number of houses are located around a central courtyard, one may carry in the courtyard, on the sabbath if a dish, to which all the householders have contributed, is placed in one of the houses before the sabbath begins. This has the effect of transforming the otherwise public domain of the courtyard into a private domain in which carrying is permitted. But, in addition, an arrangement of posts must be erected before the sabbath at the entrance of the courtyard in order symbolically to seal off from the public domain to which it leads.

(3) Eruv tavshilin ("of dishes"). If one wishes to cook on a yomtov that falls on the eve of the sabbath, a dish must be prepared beforehand so that, symbolically, the cooking had begun before yomtov and it is then permitted to continue on yomtov. The eruv in all these instances is a legal fiction but it is by means of legal fictions that the dynamism of the law is guaranteed. The eruv laws are complicated. They are discussed in tractate Eruvin and in the second chapter of tractate Betza in the Talmud.

Praise and condemnation of Plaut-Porush interview

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Rabbi Gunther Plaut for his fine interview with Agudist leader Rabbi Menachem Porush. And much gratitude to The Canadian Jewish News for allowing us all to share this unusual journalistic experience.

Rabbis Plaut and Porush have proven that where close friendly relations exist and rational discussions take place, a realization of truth cannot be far behind. I appreciate that it took a lot of courage for Rabbi Porush to admit, in principle, the veracity of classical Reform premises. It is surely not easy for an Orthodox rabbi and leader to concede that Caro's Shulkhan Arukh was written in, by and for the Galuth-Jew and does not reflect true and essential Judaism.

There remains but the hope that following Rabbi Porush's concession his ultra-Orthodox party of Agudath Israel will follow suit and revise their present obscurantist policies and activities in Israel. From this initial contact, and future meetings between the Torah-sages of Reform Judaism and the Torah-sages of the Agudath Israel to find the enormous common ground they unwittingly share, only blessings can come forth for the nation and people of Israel.

We anxiously await further news on this score.

David Miller
Downsview

Dear Editor:

Now that the ultra-orthodox Agudath Israel, through its spokesman Menachem Porush, has conceded the relativity-theory of the Shulchan Aruch, I suppose my friends and I will be called ultra-ultra, or hyper-ultra fundamentalists. Be that as may be, we are not impressed by the Plaut-Porush statement in The CJN of May 26.

I would like to remind Messers Plaut-Porush that Rabbi Joseph Caro is not the author of Shulchan Aruch but merely its editor. The rulings in this Code of Law were not devised by Caro, Maimonides or even the teachers of the Talmud. They go back to Sinai and were taught and practised in times of Jewish sovereignty no less than in times of Galuth. The greatness and survival of Judaism is precisely in recognizing the Divine character of Halacha and observing it in the difficult conditions of Galuth just as in the Jewish commonwealth.

Porush in attributing steadfastness to Torah to emotional memories and diehard traditions has insulted 3500 years of Judaism and denied the principles underlying the historical event of the revelation at Sinai.

The Bible says: "Bribery blinds the eyes of the wise." What price, Menachem Porush, for your Judas-kiss?

Joseph Weiss
Downsview

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reply to Rabbi M. Mitchell Serels' complaint against the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship.

To straighten out the facts: First, the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship did not sponsor the Christian-Jewish Dialogue which took place at the Holy Blossom Temple on Thursday, May 25; it merely informed the members of the fellowship of the dialogue at the request of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith.

Second, again the fellowship was not involved in the arrangements for the Holocaust memorial service. However, having attended myself, I can testify to the fact that Orthodox Jews were certainly not excluded from the service and it was a distinguished Orthodox rabbi, Rabbi Emanuel Forman, who led his colleagues in public prayer at the service.

Third, neither Rabbi Serels nor any other colleague raised the problem of the Holocaust memorial service with the Fellowship prior to the event. His is the first complaint well after the event and even then it was not brought to a meeting of the Fellowship.

One may differ as to the usefulness of Christian-Jewish dialogues, however, at least they are symptomatic of a continuing reaching out for mutual understanding.

Within the Jewish community the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship endeavors to accomplish such an understanding among the spiritual leaders, who certainly ought to be concerned for K'lal Yisrael unity more than anyone else. At a time when the Jewish people and the Jewish religion find themselves on the defensive on all sides, it is most inopportune that any of us with denominational interests should persist in a line of toughness and going it alone.

I have written Rabbi Serels and I have urged him earnestly to reconsider his resignation to help his colleagues maintain an important channel for intercommunication and intra-faith dialogue.

Rabbi Albert Pappenheim,
President,
Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship

Rabbi Albert Pappenheim

Summer and time to return to Perek

By J. B. SALSBERG

Perek is not on any map though it is an unforgettable landmark. Unforgettable for those generations of Jewish boys in the "old country" who longed for summer and all its glories. The annual return to Perek was the sure sign that summer had indeed arrived.

Perek wasn't far; it was waiting for all good little Jewish boys at the Rebbe's home- the Cheder (school) - every Saturday afternoon throughout the summer season. On such occasions the rebbe (teacher) was in an unaccustomed mood. He was friendly and sometimes even cheerful. His Cheder -the one large room of his dwelling which also served domestic uses- was clean, spruced up and the windows were wide-open to the green fields that were close by. The rebbe had just risen from his after-dinner nap - a once a week luxury- and he welcomed his pupils with a friendliness that was entirely absent all other days of the week. After the boys were seated around the table the books were opened at Perek and the weekly journey commenced.

I can't say whether all boys enjoyed every moment of this experience. But I know that parts of those trips remained deeply imprinted on my very young mind and that they helped shape my world outlook; an outlook that was hardened by later visits to Perek land in this country. (Do young Jewish lads still make such Sabbath trips in Toronto?)

Perek was the way East European Jews called Pirke Avot, that little volume which is jam-packed with the "wisdom of the fathers," a collection of distilled thoughts on one's behaviour and attitude to what we would now call man and his world. Some of it is of a decided religious connotation but much of it is a pure, refreshing, cascading stream of moral and ethical content that retained the liberal, democratic and social outlook of Hillel the Elder.

It is these portions of Perek that intrigued me above everything else and influenced my thinking in my youth. It was these portions of the Perek that also formed the basis of my own conception of "Jewish values" and "Jewish ethics" to which so many refer nowadays.

So here is a glimpse at Perek land.

"Jose the son of Johanan, of Jerusalem, said: Let thy house be open wide; let the poor be members of thy household, and engage not in much gossip with women." (Uncle Eliezer agrees with me that this last bit of advice be altered and that the period be moved to the word gossip and should, therefore, read: "... and engage not in much gossip.").

"Shemaiah and Abtalion received the tradition from the preceding. Shemaiah said: Love labor, hate lordship, and seek no intimacy with those in authority."

And Rabban Gamliel, the son of Rabbi Judah the Prince said: "Be cautious with those in authority; for they suffer no man to draw near them except for their own interests; they appear as friends when it is to their own advantage, but they stand not by a man in the hour of his need." (To which uncle Eliezer said: "Things haven't changed much, have they?")

Of Hillel the Elder it is told: "He once saw a skull floating on the face of the water and said to it: "Because though drownedst others, they have drowned thee, and in the end they that drowned thee shall themselves be drowned."

Rabban Johanan the son of Zaccai had five disciples and he asked them to report on what is most important in man and they reported: "....Rabbi Eliezer said: A good eye; Rabbi Joshua said: A good friend; Rabbi Jose said: A good neighbor; Rabbi Simon said: One who foresees what is yet to be; Rabbi Eleazer (the son of Arak) said: A good heart. Thereupon he (Rabbi Johanan) said to them: I approve the words of Eleazer the son of Arak rather than your words, for, in his words, yours are included."

"Rabbi Simeon, the son of Eleazar, said: Do not appease thy fellow in the hour of his anger, and comfort him not in the hour when his dead lies before him, and question him not in the hour of his vow, and strive not to see him in the hour of his disgrace." (Uncle Eliezer - my uncle, that is, -says that the last bit of advice is especially meaningful. I agree.)

Enough for this first excursion into Perek land, no? But there is more, much more of precious ethical gems in that land. Go on, take a trip; you won't regret it.

Israel, Diaspora-unequal partners

Mr. Bertram H. Gold, executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee recently spoke of "strains" between Israel and diaspora Jewry. He said publicly what a lot of people have been thinking privately, that when Israeli politicians talk of "partnership" they are taking part in a PR exercise and putting icing on the cake. In truth they regard Jewries outside Israel as "service communities". The JCNS asked Geoffrey D. Paul in Jerusalem to comment.

By GEOFFREY D. PAUL

Israel is not playing fair with the Diaspora. It has become a reflex habit for Israelis addressing Jewish audiences abroad - whether the purpose be fund-raising, immigration of Zionist propaganda - to speak in lavish terms of "the partnership" between Israel and Jewish people. But it is a partnership which, while actively pursued by the Diaspora, is only notional for Israel.

How weak the sense of partnership is in Israeli thinking was strikingly brought home to this writer when very recently he was chided by a senior Jerusalem official of the United Jewish Appeal for writing on the problems of poverty in Israel.

"This is an internal problem and one we will solve internally," he said. "You will only upset Jews abroad by discussing it and frustrate them because they cannot solve it." This is reflected in the irritable answer to anyone from abroad who raises uncomfortable questions whether about Bedouin from Rafah or the absorption of Soviet immigrants: "Leave it to us, it will be all right."

Working in Israel close to the government a journalist becomes party to various items of information - for example, the situation of Soviet Jews or Jews in Arab countries - which are classified as restricted. But once you possess this information the restriction can only be regarded as whimsical or the consequence of too many years spent underground in the movement.

Then there is the barrage against anyone in Jewish life who from his own inner convictions and personal capacity expresses opinions on a seemingly unrelated topic but one which Israel regards as bearing on her own situation.

Vietnam is an instance. Jewish leaders in the United States who have criticized President Nixon's policies in Vietnam have found themselves the recipients of sharp words from Jerusalem. "You are doing Israel's cause a disservice," one of them was informed. This is patently nonsense. But it also reflects a lack of understanding of the standards of the Western World where critical opposition is basic to democracy and a multiplicity of loyalties is accepted without question.

In fact the major criticism one can make of Israel in its relations with the Diaspora is that it is so wedded to the notion that Jewish life anywhere but in the Jewish State is doomed to extinction that it scarcely bothers to concern itself with the problems of Diaspora existence other than where they impinge directly on Israel's own immediate interests.

The Hebrew press, with almost no exceptions, is indicative of this, its interest in Jewish life in the West - except where overt acts of anti-Semitism are concerned - being less than minimal. This perhaps also explains Israel's seeming lack of concern with its own deeper meaning for world Jewry, its failure to project a challenge or excite a commitment other than to its safeguarding. This could be a desperate mistake.

This view has been echoed by a number of Western immigrants who brought themselves voluntarily to Israel not only out of narrow personal desires for self fulfilment but also to offer themselves in service to the Jewish State. And Israel has failed them by concentrating more on providing physical ease than involving them in the creation of a dynamic, concerned society.

Thanks for making the UJA Walkathon a big success...

As already reported, the 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund Walkathon on May 28 was a great success and it's estimated that close to $150,000 will be collected as a result of this mammoth community effort.

All successful ventures require imaginative and efficient "behind-the-scenes" activities and the UJA-ISF is pleased to acknowledge all the wonderful assistance received from the 200 volunteers who staffed the checkpoints and patrolled the 22 miles of the route to keep a watchful eye on the walkers.

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DOMINIQUE LAPIERRE

By Judy Platt

O Jerusalem

Best seller successful in Israel, Arab lands

When Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre were ascending the hills of Judea to Jerusalem for the first time, they asked their taxi driver what the garlanded hulks of trucks lying along the side of the road were. He looked at the two writers with anger and replied, "You mean you don't know?"

They now know. Three years of research and 2,000 interviews later, Collins and Lapierre wrote their own answer to the whys and hows of the birth of Israel. It's entitled O Jerusalem!

Dominique Lapierre, in Toronto last week for the launching of the Canadian edition by Musson Publishers, related the outcome of that eventful trip to Jerusalem. The writers (the pair had previously authored Is Paris Burning? and Or I'll Dress You in Mourning) fell in love with the city and brought their families to live there. They stayed four years to work on their book, whose account of the 1948 drama revolves around the struggle for possession of Jerusalem.

Both authors are non-Jews who tried to tell the story objectively--"as it is seen from all sides," explains Lapierre Through the eyes and ears of the varied participants, the book reconstructs the dramatic events of 1948.

Published originally in French last year, the book has become a best-seller in France (400,000 copies), and has just appeared in English. It has also been translated into Hebrew and a serialized version has been printed in Ma'ariv; it is being read in the Arab countries in French and an Arabic edition is being prepared.

"Our greatest pride would be that this book become a best-seller in Israel and in the Arab lands," say the authors, who hope the book will contribute to better understanding in the Middle East.

In all, 180,000 miles were travelled to research the book. Tracking down the Arab participants proved one of their most difficult problems. Lapierre explained, "because this part of the world has been in turmoil for 20 years and most of the people involved had had to flee at one point or other."

One of Lapierre's most cherished memories is the 12 hours he spent with David Ben-Gurion, who let him see his private diary (kept in a plain school notebook) of the history-making events. On May 14, 1948, Ben-Gurion recorded, "I mourn among the happy ones," because, he told Lapierre, "I knew that the State I had just given birth to would have to go to war to remain in existence."

Lapierre feels that it's the "constant gap between what the Arabs think and say -- and reality, which has been such a curse in that part of the world."

He illustrates the problem by recounting an incident in which the Prime Minister of Egypt asked the Chief of Staff if the army was ready. He got back the answer, "Yes, sir, it's going to be a parade to Tel Aviv." But at the same time, the researchers discovered, an aide of the Chief of Staff called Jerusalem from Cairo to direct that road maps of Palestine be stolen from the British.

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Looking Ahead

Elie Wiesel - 'One in a generation'

By Dr. STUART E. ROSENBERG

A few days ago Toronto was privileged to hear a very special man, a dear and precious spirit. A man I call friend: Elie Wiesel. A man who has helped change my life. And more – he has changed the lives of many hundreds, and even thousands of young bewildered Jews in this Age of Aquarius. Who is Elie Wiesel and what has he done?

Elie is an eternal reminder. His mission is to be the spiritual archivist of the Holocaust and his instrument is a "pen of fire". He calls himself a teller of tales, but he is more. He is a witness. There is a passage in his beautiful book, A Beggar in Jerusalem, which perhaps says it best.

The Nazis have gathered together the Jews of a small town. They have made the Jews dig their graves and are about to murder them. Then the rabbi of the village speaks a final word to the people, and turning toward heaven he proclaims these unforgettable words:

"Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, you who according to the Talmud walk the paths of our people's suffering, be our witness. I no longer demand that you intercede. We are going to die. I only ask that you testify in our behalf. Tell the world what has happened. Especially you, Abraham, you especially. Know that many of us here surpass you. Some of us are going to sacrifice not one son but five.

"Should anyone here manage to escape I want him to look, listen and remember. I rely upon him more than upon the patriarchs. I want him to become a vessel of truth, a carrier of eternity and fire. And if he too must perish with us, then I appeal to the heavens, to the wind, and the clouds and to the ants burrowing in the ground beneath our feet. Let them bear witness for us. Perhaps the world deserves no other witnesses."

Elie Wiesel tells us about ourselves. We know that we are – because of what we were. We know what we should regain, because of what we have lost. We are reminded, again and again, of the lights we must learn to rekindle as Jews – not only remembrance lights – but lights that will illumine the way to our future.

He speaks of the fire of the past, but he is thinking of the soul. He tries to remind us how to cry – not to lament; but to cry, so that our tragedy may never happen again. For crying, we resolve to know who we really are. Not in sloppy vague sentimentality; but in resolute awareness of the tragic dimensions of our history. And in equally resolute conviction to learn how to transform our "physical victimhood" into "spiritual selfhood".

His latest book, Souls on Fire, therefore marks a turning point. He is no longer a witness to the fire alone but to the soul that can foresee the glory and the grandeur. He sings; he dances; he loves. He has come alive again. And we – all of us – have been revivified in his new life, in turn.

Elie Wiesel is "one in a generation". Let us remember what he has taught us. That we too may learn to sing, to dance – and to rekindle the flame.

Beth Meyer

Workingman's synagogue'

By BRAM CADSBY

Rabbi Zimmerman

TORONTO – Carrying on a rabbinic tradition, Rabbi Aaron Zimmerman of Beth Meyer Congregation, is neither interested in making vast sums of money nor in presiding over a huge congregation that resembles a business. It is for this reason that he became involved with the Beth Meyer or, as the rabbi calls it, the "workingman's synagogue."

It was founded in 1969, when a small group who felt that North York needed a congregation for those who could not afford the high cost of praying in one of the Borough's more elegant houses of worship, bought the Old Wilson Heights United Church on Collinson Blvd., and converted it into a synagogue. The dues were established at $100 per year for senior members, 35 years and over, including all High Holiday privileges. Younger members were, and are, given further discounts. The congregation has since grown to more than 80 families and is expanding rapidly. But Rabbi Zimmerman will not let the synagogue become too large.

"A large synagogue cannot maintain a warm atmosphere," he claims "It's impossible". He intends to limit its membership to 300 families.

The most active body at the youthful synagogue is perhaps its sisterhood, which is still in the process of formation. They are currently planning a program to help handicapped children "regardless of color, creed or race." The rabbi is hoping that the sisterhood will act as a focal point for the energies of the congregation's younger members.

Rabbi Zimmerman feels that many of the larger synagogues are neglecting certain of their responsibilities as religious institutions. For example, he points out that during the High Holidays when Beth Meyer was open to all who came to pray, regardless of whether or not they could pay, many of the larger synagogues restricted their facilities to members only.

He feels that Congress should act as a central body, taxing the Jewish community, and redistributing the money among the various synagogues and Jewish organizations. This, he feels, will lighten the load on the smaller, less wealthy congregations, allowing everyone to attend the services and schools of their choice without financial worry.

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'The forgotten cities' come through in UIA campaign!

When the fund-raising drives are over and the donations are being tallied up, Toronto always seems to get the lion's share of praise and congratulations while other hard-working Ontario communities are forgotten, says Nathan Silver, chairman of the United Israel Appeal.

"Toronto often steals the limelight but, after all, the other Ontario cities, have a substantial Jewish population and must be heartily commended for their performance in Israel's time of need."

Silver says that among the forgotten cities of the UIA campaign are Windsor and London, where--due to the low Jewish population--the donation potentials are limited, and Hamilton which tends to be obscured by its proximity to limelight-stealing Toronto.

Based on statistical projections, Silver says Windsor and London will each contribute 20% of the entire Ontario campaign goal outside of Toronto despite the fact that both of them have populations smaller than Etobicoke. Hamilton's contribution will be almost 28%

Nathan Silver

of the Ontario total outside of Toronto.

"These figures impress me greatly," says Silver, "and I hope that all will recognize the magnificent campaign efforts put forth by these cities."

Percentage increases in campaign giving are up this year in all but one Ontario community and Silver credits the increases to the campaign work of women's divisions throughout the province.

Campaign totals for the cities of Kingston and Guelph are up 30 and 40%, respectively, from last year.

St. Catharines, followed closely by London and Guelph stands out highest in per family giving. In fact, Ontario's Garden City gave more than twice as much per family as some other communities.

But despite the contributions made by individual cities throughout the campaign. Silver feels that efforts should now be made to centralize the campaign to make the United Israel Appeal more effective and to generate an increased spirit throughout the province."

What role does leadership play in running a successful campaign? A very large one.

"It's important for leaders to give adequately early and help in the campaign so that others can emulate him," says the chairman. "Our leaders have to lend it their all if they feel it is important."

Judging by the United Israel Appeal's results under his chairmanship, he must feel that it's very important indeed.

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning." So the Jews have been admonished over the centuries and so the Jews have remembered over the centuries.

But the work he has done on this year's UIA fund drive for Israel shows that Silver has taken the words of the verse to heart in a way paralleled by only a few other great men of our time.

Pearlson makes call for unity

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO -

The Jewish Community no longer can afford "silly little games of division," Rabbi Jordan Pearlson said at the annual meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations at Temple Sinai last week.

"Never has the impact of corrosion been as intense," he said, "and what we desperately need at this time is a united Jewish community as represented by your Federation which encompasses all three denominations and almost every Jewish organization in Toronto."

Installed as president for a two-year term was Mrs. Sylvia Shankar, along with her executive which includes Mrs. Lil Wax, first vice-president; Mrs. Miriam Herman, second vice-president and Mrs. Toby Farb, secretary.

In a moving summation of her term in office, outgoing president Mrs. Gerda Frieberg outlined the activities and involvement of the FJWO in vital affairs. "Last time I was among the accusers who asked 'where were you?'. Now I risked being one of the accused," Mrs. Frieberg said. "In the program to aid Soviet Jewry, we women helped inspire the community in one of the biggest demonstrations the city has seen. We organized teach-ins, speakers' bureaus, made phone calls, sent telegrams and helped form a link between the Jews of Russia and Toronto."

During Gerda Frieberg's term as president, the key phrase in Federation was "community awareness." There was deep involvement in the setting up of Tay Sachs clinics, women volunteered their services to take part in an extensive survey on Jewish education and one of the most talked - about events was Sexplosion '71, which brought 800 women to Beth Tzedec Synagogue for an all-day panel discussion and lecture on the new morality now confronting the young.

Principal speaker at the annual meeting was Mrs. Ethyle Levine, president of the Baycrest Geriatric Centre Women's Auxiliary. A past president of the Federation, Mrs. Levine's topic was "Happiness Is. . . ."

Commitment, concern and involvement in the community and the world around us is essential to Jewish survival, Mrs. Levine told the meeting. "Happiness is different things to different people," she stated. "By tradition Jews are obligated to correct wrongs. Intelligent, devoted participation is demanded by the community to solve the myriad problems facing all of us. To me happiness is involvement and participation, which is more essential today than ever before in our history."

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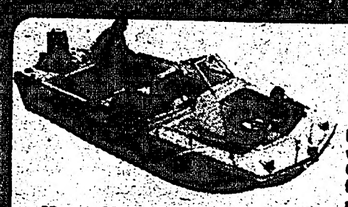

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The Toronto-Ontario campaign has raised $350,000 to date and it is hoped to reach the $2 million target within the next five years. The money will be spent on construction of the Ontario Pavilion at the medical centre.

Wolf Szydlow, the founder and chairman of the Toronto-Ontario Friends of Shaare Zedek, appeals to the Jewish communities to support this worthy campaign. He pays tribute to the Toronto Jewish community and its communal leaders for their efforts on behalf of the campaign, particularly Mark Levy, Max Tenenbaum and Sandy Hoffstedter.

"Jewish communities around the world are being called upon to finance what will be one of the most modern health centres in the world," the chairman said in a campaign message. "We for our part must not fail in our task."

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Members of the campaign committee recently returned from Israel where they inspected the old hospital and toured the new 14-acre site opposite Mount Herzl in Jerusalem. They are pictured with Israel President Zalman Shazar in his office. The President received them with great warmth and voiced deep appreciation of the campaign on behalf of the new medical centre. Shown, left to right, Joseph Tanenbaum, honorary chairman; Mrs. Faye Tanenbaum; Nachum Pesin, chief administrator of Shaare Zedek Hospital; President Shazar, Wolf Szydlow, chairman, and Mrs. Liba Szydlow. Not shown are Mark Levy, Rabbi David Monson, Max Schecter and Max Tanenbaum.

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International news

Moscow Jews not in military may emigrate: Mayor

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
Washington Bureau Chief

MOSCOW (JTA) –

The Mayor of Moscow, V. F. Promyslov, told a news conference that Jews in the Moscow district who are not engaged in sensitive military work may apply for and obtain visas to migrate to Israel.

The mayor made this statement in reply to a question after he had spoken on Moscow's potential growth. It was believed to be the first time a Soviet official had publicly said at a forum like a news conference that the government will not permit defence industry employees to emigrate.

Promyslov, however, neglected to say that, unlike the understanding in the U.S. of classified defence personnel, the Soviet defence industry embraces a wide variety of occupations including chemists, physicists, engineers and mathematicians not directly identified with military projects.

Many Jews hold such occupations, knowledgeable sources here said. Besides the enormously complicated bureaucratic documentation required from a potential emigre, an applicant must obtain an acceptable reference from his employer. Such an act is looked upon as treason and the employee loses his job. Left without visible support, he becomes a "parasite" subject to penalties.

Promyslov, construction engineer and Moscow's mayor since 1963, told newsmen that Moscow had "only" 250,000 Jews. Many of those who want to leave can do so but like any other country, he said, the Soviet Union cannot give permission to those who work in the defence industry or some other secret activities. In any case, he added, anyone who wants to know about Jews need just walk the streets of Moscow and talk to the Jews.

Some Jews wish to leave, an informed source told JTA, because of Zionist convictions, others because they underwent an anti - Semitic experience. But the much wider belief is that anti-Jewish feeling in the Soviet Union is preventing cultural activities for Jews like that encouraged for other nationalities. All this, JTA was told, has a snowball effect not necessarily involving anti - Semitism directly. Jews aiming for higher jobs are discouraged by employers who fear that they may wish to emigrate and thereby cause a personnel problem, JTA was told.

UN council brands Israel as war criminal

NEW YORK (JCNS) –

The UN Economic and Social Council is preparing to discuss a Human Rights Commission resolution branding Israel "a war criminal" for activities in the occupied territories. Israel is not a member of the council but has been busy lobbying members trying to undo the resolution.

Jewish non-governmental organizations accredited to ECOSOC have been wrestling with the matter for weeks. They have been stung by charges equating Israel's behavior among the Arabs with Nazi war crimes but are unsure what they can do about it since their accreditation bars them from conducting political activities within the UN.

Both the Arab states and the Soviet bloc have been watching the Jewish organizations on this matter. They are ready to demand the banning of the Jewish organizations for political activity. An attempt by the Soviet bloc last year to achieve this narrowly failed.

However, four organizations - World Jewish Congress, International Council of Jewish Women, WIZO and the Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations have sent a letter to ECOSOC's president, Karoly Szarka, of Hungary, declaring the use of the words "war crimes" to describe acts by Israel's administration "has caused deep and widespread distress among the millions of Jews whom we represent. . . ." The words were "too reminiscent of "one of the greatest holocausts in human history. . . ."

The Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations and World Aguda Organization abstained from the statement but decided to make their individual representations.

'Church misunderstood Torah'

TORONTO –

Christians, Jews, and Moslems were called upon to seek "the wider unity which is God's will" by the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem last weekend.

The Most Reverend George Appleton, speaking at an interfaith seminar in Toronto, said that, through his Church work, he has learned "to see God at work in other faiths" and realized that men of different beliefs must learn from each other.

"Through long contact with Jewish friends," he said, I have begun to see that, through the centuries, the Christian Church has had a . . . misunderstanding of the Jewish law, the Torah." He pointed out that only recently has the Church begun to become fully aware of its Jewish roots.

Nevertheless, Rev. Appleton emphasized that "we musn't keep looking back to the past too often. We must purge memory by actions in the future."

The seminar was organized by the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith, the Ecumenical Institute, the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, and the Roman Catholic Commission on Ecumenism.

Conference for culture

TORONTO –

The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture will be holding a national conference called Heritage Judaism in Toronto in November, according to Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg who was re-elected president of the organization at its annual meeting last week.

Dr. Rosenberg announced the formation of regional boards and said that a journal for Jewish scholarships in Canada was under consideration.

The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture is a federally - chartered national Jewish group concerned with the promotion of Canadian Jewish research and the development of Jewish studies at Canadian universities.

The newly elected vice presidents are Maurice Paperny of Calgary and Nathan Silver of Toronto. The treasurer is Dr. Ralph Halbert of Toronto and the honorary secretary is Manuel Zack of Hamilton.

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The Synagogues and Organizations division of the 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund is winding up one of its most successful campaigns ever, reports Sidney Starkman, the division chairman. Izy Stern is chairman of the Synagogues campaign and Gordon Mendly is chairman of Organizations.

The division not only collects funds for the UJA-ISF from its members but in many cases obtains substantial treasury gifts. Most of the organizations hold special UJA functions to raise their treasury gifts. An interesting aspect of the campaign is that cheques or cash accompany most contributions, thus eliminating the need for collection efforts.

The photographs on this page indicate some of the activities and leadership of this very active division. As an example of one method of innovative fund-raising, the Piotrkov, Tomashov, Belchatov and Vicinity Society celebrated its 15th anniversary of its establishment in Toronto with an Independence Day luncheon at which a successful UJA campaign was conducted under the joint chairmanship of S. Ash, A. Belzycki, S. Faivish, H. Goldstein, N. Jacobs and M. York.

Max Guttman, right, UJA-ISF chairman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, turns in pledge cards at canvassers' rally. Izy Stern (leaning over cards) chairman of UJA-ISF synagogues division, checks the returns of Mr. and Mrs. George Weisz. In background are J. Kahn and Mr. and Mrs. Hy Weinberg.

Gordon Mendly receives Treasury Gift from members of Lagover Society, From left to right in photo: M. Greenbaum, M. Heiman, M. Mandel, president, M. Greenspan, C. Lax, M. Pearl, Back row: A. Nightingale, B. Kut, J.B. Klein, M. Katz, L. Spegel, J. Troster.

Rabbi Irwin E. Witty was the guest speaker at Stashiver banquet in aid of UJA-ISF. In the photo are: Morris Koffman, Nathan Freedman, Mrs. G. Kates, Rabbi Witty and Izy Brown, president of the Stashiver Young Men's Society and UJA chairman.

Presenting check to Gordon Mendly at a UJA meeting, are members of the Ivansker Society, Harry Lederman and A. Kopstick. Others in photo are H. Kesten, S. Greenspan, M. Blackstein, M. Lipowitz, Simcha Genossar.

Simcha Genossar, Special Representative of the United Israel Appeal in Ontario, addresses meeting of the Borochov Movement. Seen at the head table are: I. Appel, Ben Himel and Moishe Epstein.

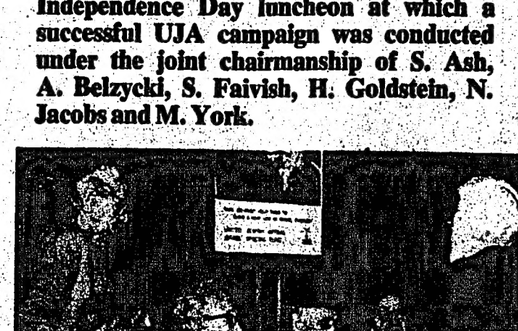
Izy Stern, fourth from left, receives Treasury Gift at a breakfast meeting of all branches of the Pride of Israel. The chairman of the UJA-ISF synagogues division reported the check represented a 100% increase over last year. Shown in photo are: Sol Atkin, Ben Wax, Bernie Robuck, Stern, Rabbi Ira Book, Howard Stone, Harry Grossman, Ben Smith.

Congratulating Joseph B. Salsberg (second from right) who was guest speaker at a very successful fund-raising meeting of the Mogen David Congregation, are Simon Sabbah, Maurice Benzacar and Sydney Bendahan.

Members of the Farband of Lithuanian Jews are pictured at UJA-ISF meeting. Seated are: R. Madesker, Mrs. Ifa Deman, Mrs. J. Zeligman, H. Bergman, L. Green. Back row: C. Bernikier, D. Rytwo, S. Rappaport, H. Press, G. Kerzner. Missing from photo are: Mrs. N. Nodel and Mrs. J. Lichtblau.

Doing an excellent job for the 1972 UJA-ISF campaign are members of the Labor Zionist Alliance. Morris Koffman, centre, is shown with his UJA-ISF co-chairmen, Jack Spivack, Aaron Sadoff, Harry Share and Harry Naiman.

Jews of Hungarian Descent ran successful telethon canvass, with substantial increases recorded. Over 350 cards were covered by Armin Weiss, UJA-ISF chairman (on phone) and his hard-working group. Others in photo: F. Guttman, E. Kertesz, P. Elek, A. Boros, J. Klein, M. Winkler, A. Szekacs.



A generous Treasury Gift was turned over to the UJA-ISF campaign by the Stopnitzer Society. Seen in the photo are Jack Grossberg, Gordon Mendly, Leon Kornbluth, Ben Wagner, Pinchas Wasser.

Members of the executive of the Stashiver Young Ladies Society turned over one of the most generous Treasury Gifts to UJA-ISF. Shown after presentation are Mesdames A. Groman, P. Goldfluss, G. Kates, H. Hughes, A. Redlick.

Gordon Mendly, right, chairman of Organizations for UJA-ISF, receives Treasury Gift from Keltzer Sick Benefit Society. Shown with him are Sam Kohn, Harry Silverstein, Ben Lerer.

Shown at a recent fund-raising breakfast are members of the Bnai Radom & Vicinity Society. Sam Bressler is chairman; Sam Gutstein, vice-chairman and Sam Katzman, secretary.

Members of the executive of the Bloor Good Age Club organized dance held at the Bloor YM-YWHA with all proceeds going to UJA-ISF. Members shown with Gordon Mendly are Sophie Goldenthal, Annie Adams, Dinah Penfield, Jack Labovitch and Isaac Lennick.

Visiting Israeli lieutenant, Edith Zeroni, checks out map of Toronto for canvassers at rally held at Temple Sinai.

Simcha Genossar, of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, was guest speaker at UJA-ISF luncheon meeting of the Tzosmerer Friendly Society. Shown are members of the executive: Nusen Shafran, Joe Stone, Genossar, Joseph Israel, Irving Green, Sam Landau, Arthur Sussman, Elias Teitelbaum.

Lydda airport massacre includes Canadian mother of two children

JAPANESE FOR PALESTINE: This is the flag and emblem of pro-Palestine wing of the Japanese Red Army. The emblem carriesstrong resemblance to the PFLP emblem. The flag hangs at the Information Office of the PFLP in Beirut and the photograph was taken by a "The Daily Star" photographer Wednesday.

Large Group of Japanese Inside PFLP

The three Japanese who staged the daring attack at Lydda airport are part of a larger group of Japanese Red Army members attached to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The group has been working with the PFLP for some time and in addition to the fighters there [illegible] Japanese doctors, including women, operating in refugee ca[illegible]

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Katzir-Katchalsky, 58, of the Weizmann Institute of Science; Yehoshua Berkowitz, a customs official, Adam Zamir, and Henia Ratner, a 39-year-old mother of three who was at the airport to meet her husband.

Two of the victims were identified as Mrs. Sprinze Riegal, 22, the mother of two small children, and Mrs. Luna Sabba, 62, a Canadian tourist.

Mrs. Riegal was waiting at the airport for her husband, who was due in on a flight from Rumania. Mrs. Luna Sabba's daughter, Simone, 19, was slightly wounded. Her husband, Abraham, a Montreal textile executive who emmigrated to Canada from Morocco, flew to Israel to attend his wife's funeral.

Prof. Katzir-Katchalsky, an internationally famous scientist, head of the Polymer department at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, was returning from a scientific conference in West Germany. He was 58. He was fatally wounded by a Japanese gunman as he was walking towards the customs barrier where his wife, Rena, and his son were waiting to greet him. Mrs. Katzir-Katchalsky was slightly wounded.

The captured Japanese gunman told his Israeli interrogators that he and his companions had trained in Lebanon, where they arrived six weeks ago, and that theirs was a suicide mission. Kozo Okamoto, 24, who was seized by an airport technician in the midst of the carnage, said the attack had been planned weeks ago. The other gunmen were slain.

All belonged to a fanatic underground leftist group known as the Red Star. Saka said that after completing their training in Lebanon, the trio stayed with Arab terrorists in Germany and Austria until they boarded an Air France flight to Tel Aviv at Rome Airport. It was not clear if they were hired killers or ideologically motivated.

Okamoto told interrogators that there are many more Japanese in Arab terrorist training camps and that he assumed many of them were being trained for acts against Israel. His group, the Red Star, is held responsible for 14 assassinations in Japan and the hijacking of a plane to Korea two years ago. The gunman at first refused to answer questions put to him in English and in Japanese. But after identifying his slain companions he agreed to cooperate.

The gunman burst into tears. He said he should have died with his friends. He said that minutes before the shooting, they had ripped their photographs out of their passports and cut identifying trade-marks out of their shoes.

Workers clean the floor of the arrival hall at Lydda Airport after the carnage caused by three Japanese gunmen. (IPPA)

Japanese Ambassador, Eiji Tekura visits one of the victims of Lydda massacre at Sheba Hospital. (IPPA)

Mc Govern supports Israel arms

LOS ANGELES (JTA) -

In his strongest pro-Israel statement yet, Sen. George McGovern (D.-S.D.) has called on the Nixon administration to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel "and move our embassy there." The Democratic presidential aspirant addressed the Valley Jewish Community Centre and Temple here, a Conserative synagogue.

"The cornerstone of our policy in the Middle East should be the survival of an Israel that is militarily secure, politically democratic and economically sound," he told the 1800 persons who jammed the synagogue. Another 500 heard the address over loud speakers in the synagogue's parking lot.

McGovern said the U.S. should "furnish Israel the advanced aircraft and other equipment necessary to prevent attack." Such arms delivery, he said, "should not be made contingent upon Israeli agreement to American diplomatic demands, but should be an ongoing commitment based solely upon military requirements."

On Jerusalem, he rejected any idea of international control and said the city should remain unified under Israeli administration provided only that full and free access to the holy places of all faiths be continued.

McGovern criticized the U.S. action last September in joining the Soviet Union at the UN in voting to censure Israel on the issue of Jerusalem, adding, "In the last 20 centuries Jerusalem has never seen better rule than it sees today under the Israeli administration of Mayor Teddy Kollek." He also criticized the Nixon administration for having attempted "to impose a settlement in the Middle East through a concert of outside power."

He asserted that "the only kind of negotiations which can bring peace are direct negotiations without preconditions between the nations of the Middle East themselves."

On the issue of borders, McGovern said, "The cornerstone of any peace settlement must be a mutual agreement upon defensible and recognized national boundaries capable of deterring any future aggression."

He presented a four-point U.S. Middle East program including: military supplies for Israel to deter Arab attack; substantial economic assistance; diplomatic support in the UN and other arenas of diplomacy in support of Israel's basic peace proposals and present peace policies; and help in restraining Soviet activity in the Middle East.

Special gifts

The special gifts division of the United Jewish Appeal - Israel Special Fund raises about 65 per cent of the campaign total making the responsibility of chairman Al Green a heavy one. Here he is pictured talking to a canvasser who was somewhat tardy in turning in signed pledge cards. The result? The signed cards were turned in promptly to Mr. Green.

Russian activists released

NEW YORK (JTA) -

Nine of the 10 Jewish activists arrested in Moscow before President Nixon's arrival were released after Nixon left the Soviet Union, it was reported by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The nine are Vladimir Slepak, Aleksander Slepak, Joseph Begun, Victor Polsky, Boris Orlov, Valentine Prussakov, Roman Rutman, Lev Lebov and Leonid Tsypin. Vladimir Prestin was still being held, on an additional four-day term for "hooliganism."

Meanwhile, UN Secretary Gernal Kurt Waldheim met with Jewish activists at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., and promised to pursue personally the case of Prof. Michael Eppelman, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported. Eppelman left Leningrad for Israel a year ago, but his wife and small daughter have not been allowed to go. Waldheim accepted two Bibles and said he would try to have them delivered to Soviet Jewish prisoners Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov and Raiza Palatnik.

Heritage Ontario

TORONTO -

Twenty - two delegates from Toronto and London represented the Jewish community at Heritage Ontario, a three day conference sponsored by the Ontario government to explore the problems of multiculturalism in the province.

Unlike several of the more than 1000 delegates from 54 ethnic groups, members of the Jewish group came uninstructed and thus participated in their individual capacities. No formal brief on behalf of the community was either prepared or presented.

Nevertheless, it was generally felt that the conference was a success.

"On the whole I think it was a worthwhile exercise," said Ben Kayfetz of the Canadian Jewish Congress. He felt that through the conference the government's awareness of multiculturalism would grow.

French writer's conference

Quebec-Israel exchange

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Last January, a group of Quebec writers toured Israel on the first stage of an exchange program that culminated last week with the reception in Montreal of two well known Israeli writers.

The arrival of Aharon Amir and Abraham Yehoshua coincided with the world conference of writers at the Windsor Hotel last Sunday.

Over 30 writers from the United States, Europe, Canada, and from behind the Iron Curtain attended the seven-day French-language conference which was an attempt "to view the world through the eyes of those who set it on paper."

The Israel-Quebec exchange began last September when an entire issue of the Quebec literary magazine Liberte was devoted to Israeli themes.

The magazine's founders and directors Jean-Guy Pilon, supervisor of general programming for the CBC, and Fernand Ouellette, a producer with the CBC, were the moving forces behind the exchange program.

Pilon said, "the conference was not only an exchange of ideas and themes, but a practical examination of the common problems experienced by writers in all countries, such as salary and the effect of the mass media."

The only 'national day' of the conference was accorded to Israel, with film documentaries and discussions devoted to the Israeli cultural scene.

Aharon Amir, a prolific writer and editor of the magazine Keshet said the two general themes running through Israeli literature are war and "everything else."

"Ever since the founding of the state," he said, "war has been the natural preoccupation of the population which means the implications of war on the Israeli psyche."

He said the two divisions within the literary world are between the older writers, who immigrated to Israel, and the younger writers who were born in the country.

"But there is a great deal of respect given to the writer in our society," he said, "perhaps even more than in most."

Next September, reported Amir, Keshet will continue the writer's exchange by focusing an entire issue on the subject of Quebecois literature.

Aged benefits deemed 'tokenism'

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO -

Government awarded benefits to the elderly are only "a form of tokenism" North York controller Paul Godfrey told a conference of Jewish Senior citizens last weekend.

Godfrey cited the recent cost of living increases in the old age pension plan by the federal government and the reduction in TTC fares for the elderly by City Hall as examples and said:

"I think all three levels of government have given you tokenism. Every so often they throw out a crumb."

He told the 150 senior citizens attending a panel discussion Sunday at the North Y that a more valuable government contribution on behalf of the elderly would be the establishment of an opportunities for the aged program.

He said that, up until a person retires, he is considered a vigorous and "dynamic" citizen, valuable to society but all that changes when he becomes 65.

Florence Hutner

"On the day he becomes 65, society says his knowledge and experience is now obsolete and he is put on the shelf," said Godfrey.

Godfrey urged his audience, who were attending a two day conference sponsored by the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the Association of Senior Clubs, to become activists to obtain the program.

"The squeaky wheel seems to get the oil," he said, "so become the squeaky wheel."

Another panel member, Sidney Katz, a feature writer for The Toronto Star, outlined the myths that people of retirement age don't need activity and contact with the opposite sex, and suffer loss of intelligence and competence.

He pointed out that many employers reveal a double standard on the question of retirement age.

"A lot of the directors on boards of companies that have compulsory retirement at 65 are 70 and 72."

Panelist Florence Hutner, expanding on the discussion's theme, The Community's Attitude Towards Senior Citizens, said the elderly are "segregated" in our society.

She said that many clubs and organizations involved with areas of interest to everyone are restricted arbitrarily by age.

Professional models from Shekem, a company supplying goods for soldiers in the Israel Defence Forces show off the latest maxi dresses to army girls in their mini-skirts. (IPPA)

Weizmann Institute helps underdeveloped nations: Sabin

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

In the 1950's polio epidemics throughout the world terrorized parents and rendered tens of thousands of youngsters crippled. The disease was finally called to a halt with the discovery by Dr. Albert Sabin, after 30 years of investigation, of his now famous oral vaccine.

In Montreal last week to attend the tribute celebration of the Canadian Society for the Wiezmann Institute of Science in honor of Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, the 1971 Nobel Laureate in chemistry, Dr. Sabin – the institute's president – talked with The Canadian Jewish News.

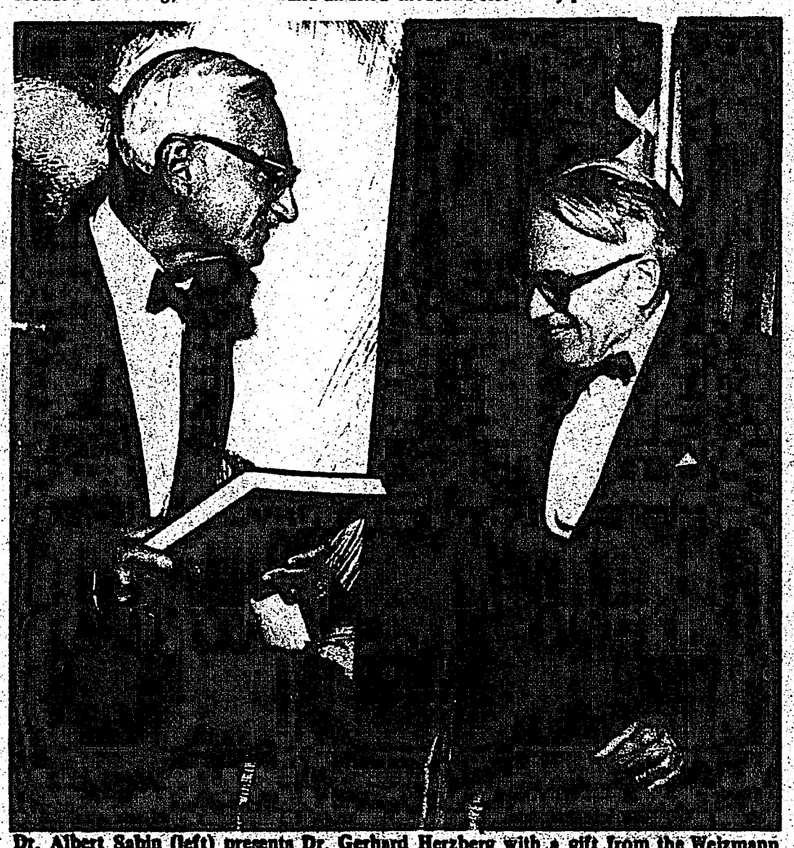
Soft-spoken, and recovering from the recent strain of open-heart surgery, Dr. Sabin said the institute in Rehovot, Israel is working on a plan "to overcome the impact of problems faced by underdeveloped nations in regards to new sources of energy."

The Weizmann Institute – officially an American University abroad – will receive close to $8 million from the U.S. state department and private Canadian and American sources to build an ultra-modern Pelletron, or atom smasher, capable "of making new thrusts in nuclear physics for the development of energy".

The Institute is an internationally known centre for the study of natural sciences where six departments are also co-ordinated for the concentrated research into cancer.

Dr. Sabin defines the Weizmann as "a big partner from a small country in the scientific community.

"We are training scientists," he said, "not only for the present, but for the next 20 years – and they have to be trained with the most sophisticated instrumentality possible."



Dr. Albert Sabin (left) presents Dr. Gerhard Herzberg with a gift from the Weizmann Institute in Israel. Dr. Sabin is president of the institute while Dr. Herzberg is Canada's 1971 Nobel Laureate in chemistry.

Dr. Sabin's exposure to the Holy Land first took place during World War II, when as a scientist with the American Army he researched diseases in Egypt.

"It was a time when the sap of my heritage as a Jew began to rise," he declared.

Born in 1906 in Bialystok – then a Russian-occupied Polish town – into a traditional Jewish family, his pious grandfather would often talk to the children about a far off land called Israel, the home of the Jews.

As a member of a team of scientists to visit Arab lands in the hope of achieving peace through scientific dialogue, his interests in Israel extend in many directions.

"I am personally pro-Arab," he said, "and what I mean is that the 110 million people need a 'new deal' in the Roosevelt sense.

"Because of the 80% illiteracy rate, and the poverty, it is my wish to provide the energy and resources which will go far in developing a new life for all.

"For Egypt and Israel it is a matter of time. The Arab countries must realize that Israel is there to stay.

"It will take a long time to achieve peace, it's going to be done slowly," he added.

Stephen Barber, executive-director of the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute has announced that the 14 U.D. Pelletron – phase one of a plan for the Canadian Centre of Nuclear Physics on the Rehovot campus costing $8 million – is an 18-storied tower housing one of the most sophisticated atom smashers in the world.

Phase two, to be completed by 1976, will include the construction of buildings and the addition of equipment for nuclear research.

The costs of the structure – to be known as the Koffler Tower, after the national president of the Canadian Society, Murray B. Koffler – are to be shared by the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development, the Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute, and the Government of Israel which matches dollar for dollar the amount raised by Canadian donors.

At the dinner, attended by more than 250 people at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Dr. Sabin announced that Bernard Bloomfield, and Louis M. Bloomfield of the Eldee Foundation established a grant of $250,000 for the funding in perpetuity of the Lady Davis Chair in Experimental Physics.

Also announced was a $250,000 grant from Mrs. Ayala Zacks and her husband the late Samuel Zacks to enable the Institute to establish the Samuel and Ayala Zacks Chair in Geophysics.

(From left) Murray B. Koffler, Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, and Louis M. Bloomfield at the Weizmann Institute dinner in Montreal.

Dr. Albert Sabin (right), President of the Weizmann Institute explains plans for the ultra-modern atom-smasher to be built at the Rehovot campus. Stephen Barber, executive-director of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute looks on.

Commercial enterprise creates setting for great art

By ELIZABETH KILBOURN

For most people in this city, visiting an art gallery is an arcane and often formidable experience, and very few do it. Even the crowds that pour into the Art Gallery of Ontario for a popular show are only a small percentage of the citizens of Toronto. So it is a valuable public service which certain large corporations, both public and private, are rendering when they make available in city spaces, pieces of art that everyone can look at while they travel the streets.

Not everyone, of course, looks and enjoys, but something will rub off. As one artist answered when someone pointed out that collectors were buying his work for status or investment or because it matched the drapes – art is a Trojan horse which has its effect no matter what the motivation for its acquisition.

There have been some interesting additions to art in the public domain recently. I have been watching Gerald Gladstone's fountain being erected in front of the new administrative offices of the Ontario government at the corner of Bay and Wellesley Streets. The buildings are massive and austere and rectangular in form. Gladstone has wisely chosen to create three graceful abstract female figures reminiscent in posture of the three graces in Botticelli's **Primavera.** Unlike several of Gladstone's other commissions which are inappropriate in scale and design for the buildings they were made for, this one works well apart from the fussy and totally inadequate fountain which in design and sizes obscures the form and denseness of the sculpture. Not that I'm against fountains. Toronto doesn't really have enough of them in public places, and apart from the lively gusher outside the new court house buildings near University Avenue, they are all miserable trickles. How about something like the marvellous exciting flow of water at Lincoln Centre in New York which is a piece of art all in itself.

Sorel Etrog sculpture dominates gardens in Greenwin apartment complex on Davisville. Art works now part of industrial and commercial projects in Toronto.

Most pieces of art used outside public buildings are sculpture, like the Etrogs outside the Greenwin apartments on Davisville or Moore's Archer at Nathan Philips Square. But recently paintings have been blooming on Toronto buildings thanks to Benson and Hedges who imported here an idea they had in Montreal, and commissioned three artists, Rita Letendre, Dan Solomon and Gordon Rayner.

I see most frequently the Letendre painted on the west side of the Neil Wyjck building on Wellesley Street. Essentially it is a blow-up of some of her recent prints – red and yellow with a strong narrow triangle of dark blue streaking off into the sky which gives me the sensation of taking off into the ether. The Rayner makes a tremendous impact of gaiety and delight for anyone travelling along Front Street or up York Street off the Gardiner Expressway.

These paintings seem to me an excellent idea for all the bare gaping walls left by spotty demolition in the city core, or along the sides of ugly parking lots. I'd like to see more corporations feel some responsibility for adding life and color to the downtown – and be a patron of the arts and help an artist at the same time.

Critical survey of U.S. Jewish literature

The Jewish Writer in America Assimilation and the Crisis of Identity

By Allen Guttmann

Oxford University Press 256p

By MICHAEL R. MARRUS

Assimilation and the crisis of Jewish identity constitute the principal theme of American Jewish writing in our time. And what better testimony to this fact than that this theme should now be the subject of a critical survey by a Professor of English Literature? For in the academic world to be the subject of a critical "overview" is to arrive. Here is the basis for any course on Jewish writing in America, and it is to this book that teachers will turn when preparing their reading lists or constructing their course outlines.

In the opening section Guttman traces the strongest literary current of the first and second generation of American Jews - what Melvin Tumin has called the "cult of gratitude." With a number of important variations and qualifications, this view of American life, with its tendency to emphasize the negative aspects of continued Jewish association, is taken to be the dominant trend of Jewish writing. Meyer Levin, Philip Roth, Alfred Kazin, and a number of others are discovered to fall roughly with' 'his tradition.

The second current considers the positive dimensions of Jewish identity, moving principally from Ludwig Lewisohn, whose 1928 novel The Island Within was once so popular, to Hugh Nissenson, Bernard Malamud and popular second-raters like Leon Uris or Herman Wouk. With some exceptions, the author is less impressed by the literary achievements of these writers than those of the previous section. Neither the Nazi Holocaust nor the Six Day War, it is interesting to note, are considered to have had any significant effect on the quality or direction of Jewish writing.

In an extremely interesting chapter which follows, Guttmann considers several of the alienated Jewish critics of American society, including Paul Goodman, Norman Mailer and Allen Ginsberg. These writers, marginal to both American and Jewish society, are therefore only marginally related to the subject of Jewish identity, and Guttmann never entirely solves the problem of where the "Jewish" dimension in their work lies. Yet because of their marginality, which he considers prototypical of the American scene, Guttmann devotes considerable attention to them. And this is also why Saul Bellow, the explorer of marginality par excellence, is given such extensive treatment.

Guttmann has difficulty binding the many diverse points of view articulated by so many writers into consistent themes which make sense. In the end he is only able to underline the ambivalence which has plagued Jewish writing in America, and to indicate his own personal belief that assimilation is going to go forward irreversibly, at least in the field of American letters. Yet it would be rash to draw too much from this.

Surveys are extremely useful for putting things in context but they are notoriously unreliable in charting the course of future activity. Literary men are frequently the best guides we have to the quality of present experience, but as predictors of what the future has in store they are usually as limited as the rest of us.

New publication

By CANDICE LICHTMAN

"Kesher: a link between Canadian and Soviet Jews" is the name of a new Jewish periodical being published monthly by the Toronto Student Council For Soviet Jews.

There are no exclusive Soviet Jewry publications in Canada. The students have distributed 10,000 copies of Kesher to high schools, universities and other student and community organizations. "By filling the vacuum within the Jewish community for reliable, up-to-date information on the conditions of Soviet Jews, we hope to obtain support for those Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel", said Jerry Pearl, co-chairman of the Council.

Sources of information of the newly formed newspaper stem from the many phone calls to Russia made from Toronto and from a bulletin printed in Israel which collects and publishes information from the rest of the world.

Phone calls, letter writing campaigns and telegrams to Russia are some of the programs of the student group. One of their current projects is the sending of Hebrew dictionaries available through their office at York University.

There has been good response from women's groups and synagogues but "as yet there are many more groups that have not been heard from," commented Pearl. Sponsors (individuals, families or groups) are still greatly needed for the phone calls. "It is through a constant link with Jews in Russia that we can help."

Local services 'downstaged'

From CJN Quebec Bureau
MONTREAL –

Local services have been neglected, "downstaged" by overseas needs, according to the vice-president of the Detroit Welfare Fund.

"Federation leadership, lay and professional, know that it's being judged by the success of the campaign significantly more than it is being judged by the level of local services," said William Avrunin during the 74th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service in Montreal.

He said that in terms of the investment of staff more attention is focused on fund-raising than on budgeting and planning – with a tendency to use the most able people in areas where immediate results are most readily measured.

"Jewish agencies are now confronted," he said, "with a different United Way which listens to loud and aggressive demands from Black and racial groups, from unions, from those who have been excluded from the establishment.

"We, who have been a part of the establishment, have assumed that the United Way will take care of us."

He said Jewish community services must "express the same kind of deep conviction about the necessity for our services as other groups do". Federations must begin to realize that agencies created to provide services "actually have and do" strengthen Jewish life.

"There is a growing feeling among my colleagues in Federation that an imbalance has developed in organized Jewish community life which threatens not just the local agencies, but the federations themselves."

The survival of the federation depends also on maintaining and strengthening local services, he added.